

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee

As you may know, there has been a changing of the guard on the Village Hall Management Committee. Roger Daw and Joan Stammers are enjoying a well-earned 'retirement' after many years' service as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Mark Collins (mark@orwellvillagehall.com) has taken on the former role and Andrew Pulham is the new Secretary. Additionally, Pat Titchmarsh has hung up her Marigolds for the last time, having kept the village hall in such a wonderful condition for many years.

Those of us who have taken on these roles are aware we have some big shoes to fill. We are immensely grateful to our predecessors for the help and advice they have given and continue to offer during the transition. There is much to learn.

We are also grateful to David Titchmarsh (david@orwellvillagehall.com) for agreeing to serve as Chairman for another year, although the need to find a successor for when he finally retires in the Spring will be upon us all too soon.

As reported in the June edition, Barry Sharman has kindly agreed to lead on maintenance arrangements for the village hall and I am pleased to confirm that we have been able to employ a local cleaner to take over from Pat.

The following key decisions were taken at recent meetings of the Management Committee:

- The possibility of building a chair store was abandoned, as the considerable cost involved was agreed to be disproportionate to the benefit.
- An Orwell Village Hall website has been created at ***www.orwellvillagehall.com***

Here you can find information about the hall and its facilities as well as downloadable documents such as the booking form and conditions of use. The website includes a calendar of bookings, so that potential hirers will be able to see the available dates when considering making a booking.

- We will encourage hirers to make payment by electronic bank transfer where possible, to reduce the amount of cash and cheques in the system.

Also discussed by the Management Committee was the possibility of installing Wi-Fi in the hall. It was agreed that before we go any further, we would try to gauge from existing and potential users whether this would be a useful enhancement to the hall's facilities. If you have a view either way on whether the village hall should offer Wi-Fi, can you please let me know at the email address below?

Finally, for those on the Management Committee, the next meeting will take place at 1930hrs on Tuesday, 8 October in the back room of the village hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Pulham, Secretary

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